



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2019

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Dear Members,

Absolutely amazing to see so many of our members achieving on the world stage across a number of disciplines.

Congratulations to:

Courtney Duncan on her achievement as the Women's World MX Champion - an outstanding result and we all look forward to seeing Courtney during her break in New Zealand to share stories of her success. Great to see we could also achieve coverage on all TV media platforms for her arrival.



Hamish Macdonald first Kiwi Youth 125 Enduro World Champion. Well deserved result from such a talented young rider. We're so proud of you, we can't wait to welcome you home and celebrate with you. Check out Hamish's facebook page [here](#) for video's of Hamish making insane obstacles look like a walk in the park. Was so cool that we were able to get this onto One News Monday Evening, I hope you all saw it.



Dylan Walsh Winning the MX2 British Championship. With barely a second to let it sink in, Dylan jumped straight into representing NZ as part of a team at the Motocross of Nations in the Netherlands (more to follow). Highly recommend watching the recap video of the 8 round British Championship found [here](#).



Wyatt Chase-Maximus Purvis-Dylan Walsh: All three boys battled their hearts out representing Team NZ at the Motocross of Nations. The boys managed to Qualify 17th as a Team putting them through to the main event with Dylan 7th in MX2, Wyatt 19th in MXGP and Maximus 26th in Open. The race seemed to produce each of them with individual hardships with Wyatt pushing through the pain of a serious injuring he sustained to his leg in practice on the Wednesday, Maximus competing on a 250 in a class full of 450 riders and Dylan dislocating his ac joint in his shoulder. Incredibly the team still managed 19th overall and we have nothing but immense respect for all three. Thanks to

the Team Mangers for their commitment, all our members for supporting the Battle of the Clubs event and our sponsors Penny Homes, Best Build Construction and the massive fundraiser undertaken by the Taupo Motorcycle club



Other MNZ Members representing New Zealand on the World stage:

Liam Draper: Finishing an outstanding 1st overall in round 11 at the Grand National Cross-country Championship (GNCC) series in the XC2 (250cc) in Pennsylvania, USA.

Rachel Archer: Signed on to US Yamaha Team starting October 1st

Cormac Buchannan: Competing in the Oceania Junior Cup and selected to attend the Red Bull Rookies Cup Selection Event in October.

Jacob Stroud: Was invited to ride in the Supersport 300 class at the World Superbike in Magny-Cours, France.

Rogan Chandler: Earned a wildcard entry in the MotoGP in Phillip Island, he will be the first Kiwi to race in this event.

Members Survey

Huge thanks to those of you that have taken the time to complete our members survey. We are very appreciative of your feedback including so many of you who have been so positive about what we are currently doing. The survey will be closed on 4th October so if you have not yet completed, please take some time to do this. This will provide some clear direction for the Board when we develop our 2020 – 2024 Strategic Plan. We will provide an update on the results in next month's newsletter.

Members benefits

It was interesting to read many of your comments in the recent survey that asked for members benefits on fuel and insurance, we have these in place with GO Fuel and AON Insurance. We have had really positive feedback with the AON Insurance offer where one new member was able to insure five bikes for 50% less cost. All you need to do is fill in the AON form and they will quote for you – give it a try.

We will keep you updated on all members benefits as we implement them and they can all be viewed on the Members Benefits page on the MNZ website [here](#).



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Hall of Fame nominations

We have so many members in our sport that have achieved outstanding results and we need to recognise these members in our Hall of Fame. If there is someone in particular that you would like to be recognised, please complete the attached form [here](#).



Rule changes

This year there has been a number of rule changes that will bring the cost down for our members, including Minis, Vets/Women's, MX TT, North and South Island Champs are now National events which means you do not require a championship licence, Fuel regulations for Off Road have been amended to pump fuel which will keep the cost down for all our riders and teams and don't forget your licences are now valid for 12 months from when they have been issued.

Volunteer Recognition Programme

Don't forget to nominate a star volunteer for this award – there are plenty of them out there so please let us know who they are. We have so many incredible volunteers out there so don't forget a thank you can go a long way.



Championships

Entry forms will be out in a few weeks for these championships.

2019 Supercross Championship

Round One: 9th Nov Winton

Round Two: 16th Nov SX Open (SX2 Only)

Round Three: 23rd Nov Tokoroa

2020 NZSBK

Round One: 11th-12th Jan Christchurch

Round Two: 18th-19th Jan Timaru

Round Three: 7th-8th Mar Hampton Downs

Round Four: 28th-29th Mar Fielding

Round Five: 4th-5th Apr Taupo

2020 Motocross Senior Championship

Round One: 1st Feb Balclutha

Round Two: 23rd Feb Rotorua

Round Three: 1st Mar Hawkes Bay

Round Four: 15th Mar Taupo

2020 Cross Country Championship

Round One: 15th-16th Feb

Round Two: 21st-22nd Mar

Round Three: 25th-26th Apr

Round Four: 23rd-24th May

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notes from the 2019 are available on our website if you would like to gain more information on what was covered click [here](#).

The 2020 AGM will be held on the 15th-17th of May at the James Cook Hotel in Wellington. This event will also encompass our Motorcycle Awards. We're looking forward to having more of our members attending and getting involved in the evolution of Motorcycling New Zealand.

New Partnership

Motorcycling New Zealand has developed a partnership with WEM (Kevin Williams Management) and WEM will be offering all privateer New Zealand riders attending the MX Nationals in Australia 50% off the entry fee – this is a significant saving and we are keen to see more of our Kiwi riders taking the step across the ditch to crush the Aussies in this championship.



Health and Safety

We have recently delivered a draft Medic Guideline document to our affiliated clubs, with the ultimate goal to raise the level of medics and care for our members at permitted MNZ events. Whilst in some cases this is a higher cost, we are working with clubs to support funding applications to achieve the delivery of this across our sport. The level of qualification of medics will determine your care and this is important.

Concussion is high on our priority, we are part of an Oceania working group developing a Concussion policy for our sport – more to come on this over the next few months.

Yellow Flags – this rule has recently changed for Off Road – refer to Rule 6.17b which now states Yellow: Held Stationary or Waved – SLOW DOWN NOW. Please remember to take notice of the Yellow flags at all times, it is not cool to continue to race or jump as this could be you or one of your family members on the ground.

Expressions of Interest

Motorcycling New Zealand are seeking expressions of interest for a Coaching Commissioner – For role description click [here](#). Please send your expressions of interest to gmo@mnz.co.nz by Friday 25th October.

Website Upgrade

The time has come for us to modernise our website, to make it more intuitive and easier for our members and clubs to navigate. We have started this project and are keen to create a focus group to assist. If you are passionate about being part of this team please email Danielle on danielle@mnz.co.nz.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Bayleigh Ward to our admin team in Huntly, Bayleigh has recently joined the admin team in a Media, Communications and Event co-ordinator role. You may have seen her at motocross she is #97 and races in the Womens class.

Thank you for your support, phone calls and feedback.

Keep Safe and Have fun out there.....

Kind Regards, the admin team at MNZ